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SUBJECT: TURKISH MEDIA REACTION TO ATTEMPT ON ECEVIT

1. THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF BULENT ECEVIT IN NEW YORK JULY 26 IS QUICKLY BECOMING A MAJOR NEWS STORY IN TURKEY. SENSATIONALIST GUN AYDIN PUBLISHED AN "EXTRA" EDITION TUESDAY, JULY 27--THE FIRST "EXTRA" WE RECALL SINCE THE CYPRUS INVASION TWO YEARS AGO. THE GUN AYDIN REPORT CLAIMS A TURKISH WOMAN NAMED SEVIM IYISOY REACHED OUT AND DEFLECTED THE GUN AS THE ASSAILANT ATTEMPTED TO FIRE AT ECEVIT. THEN, ACCORDING TO GUN AYDIN, THE SECURITY GUARDS STANDING WITH ECEVIT ON THE BALCONY JUMPED FROM THE BALCONY ONTO THE MAN AND SUBDUED HIM.

2. TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION (TRT) RADIO NEWS IS CARRYING THE STORY AS ITS LEAD ITEM ON ALL NEWSCASTS. TRT REPORTS THAT PRIMIN DEMIREL MADE A STATEMENT THIS MORNING TERMING THE ATTEMPT ON ECEVIT "AN ATTACK DIRECTED AGAINST THE TURKISH NATION". ECEVIT ALSO REPORTEDLY MADE A
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BRIEF STATEMENT AT THE WALDORF ASTORIA SAYING , "I WISH WELL

EVEN TO THOSE WHO PULL A GUN ON US. DESPITE ALL THAT HAS HAPPENED,
WE STILL WANT THE TURKISH AND GREEK NATIONS TO LIVE IN PEACE."
TRT NEWS ALSO REPORTS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER TELEPHONED EVECIT
TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN. TRT QUOTES THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S
PARTY EXECUTIVE BOARD AS ANNOUNCING THAT THERE WILL BE NO
CHANGE IN ECEVIT'S U.S. SCHEDULE AS A RESULT OF THE INCIDENT.

3. ALL COVERAGE OF THE INCIDENT HIGHLIGHTS THE ALLEGED
IDENTIFICATION OF THE ASSAILANT AS A GREEK CYPRIOT.
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